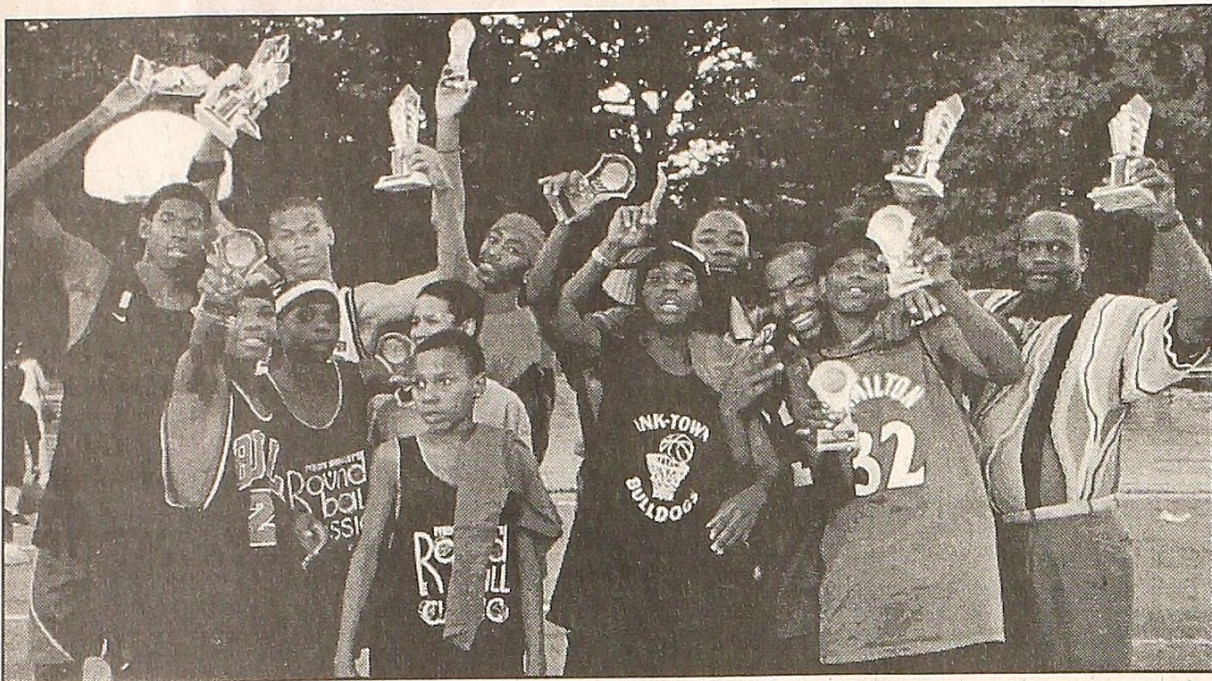


NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER



Holding high the trophy they captured during the recent 2002 Summerfest's basketball tournament, these players have reason to smile. They are winners. There were no losers this year at the festival. There also were a lot of smiles on city officials' faces who labeled the festival a huge success. Mayor and council commended organizer Ruth Williams and the Summerfest Committee for their efforts in providing city-wide programs in the form of entertainment and culture for the citizens to enjoy. Photo by Theola Jones.

Memories of 2002 Summerfest linger on as festival events fade

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

Whether you enjoyed good food, outstanding entertainment, carnival rides, shopping or just plain people watching, you missed a great treat if you missed the Inkster Summerfest 2002 Festival.

There was something for everyone during the three-day event held on the grounds of the Floyd B. Simmons Multipurpose Building, on Carlysle Avenue.

Beginning on Friday with an amateur talent show and featuring Saturday's explosive and fantastic fireworks display that thrilled a crowd estimated at over a thousand it was all there to enjoy.

The 2002 festival ended with the traditional and sacred Gospelfest held Sunday with hundreds participating.

Under the determined leadership of Ruth E. Williams, Parks and Recreation Athletic Supervi-

sor, the festival is an event that offers something for everyone who takes the time to stop by.

Winners of the various basketball tournaments received beautiful trophies which attested to the participants' proficiency at putting the ball through the hoop.

Hula-Hoop and watermelon-eating contests and an array of carnival rides drew youngsters in great numbers to the festival site. One highlight of the yearly event is the bus caravan that brings youngsters to the festival treats, all of the food that they can eat and free carnival rides. Each one received a colorful tee-shirt provided by sponsoring organizations and businesses, with their names printed in complimentary colors.

Plans are presently underway for "Inkster Summerfest 2003", with increased hopes of securing a large tent for the senior citizens and the handicapped so that

they may enjoy the festivities while sheltered from a hot sun.

Contributing to the success of this year's festival was the active participating of the City of Inkster, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Optimist Club, Inkster Democratic Club, Inkster Housing, Inkster Public Schools, State Representative Derrick Hale, Councilman Ernest Hendricks, Comcast Corp., Inkster Summerfest Committee, Inkster Parent and Children Together, Inkster Christians in Action, Detroit Edison for providing the lighting, Booker Dozier, Bank One, and C.L.I.C. members.

The Inkster Summerfest Committee meets 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex, on Middlebelt Road, a quarter mile north of Michigan Avenue.

New members are always welcome.

Starfish Family offers children food

Starfish Family Services' Head Start officials this week announced that they are sponsoring child and adult care food programs for eligible adults and children whose family incomes qualify for the federally-funded assistance.

Officials pointed out that the program is designed to provide meals to children in child care centers, who also attend outside school hour programs, and family day care homes.

Meals are available at no separate charge to all children who are enrolled in Starfish's Head Start program that are 12 years of age or un-

der.

Also, migrant children, 15 years of age and under, older disabled children and children enrolled in an After School At-Risk program who were 18-years old or under at the start of the school year may qualify.

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For a two-member family, the incomes are \$15,523 and \$22,090.

Council reschedules meeting on Tuesday due to Labor Day

Civic-minded citizens who usually attend city council meetings are reminded that City Council will not convene on Monday, Sept. 2, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Council usually holds its meetings the first and third Monday of each month, but because the Labor Day holiday traditionally falls on the first Monday in September,

city officials said that council had rescheduled their meeting for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Council regularly meets in the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex, on Middlebelt Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

The local lawmakers, minus Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr., who is in Africa attending an international conference, met last night

to discuss the upcoming meeting and the agenda.

The mayor is expected to be in town for the Labor Day holiday.

Residents should also take note that the City Hall and the 22nd District Court offices will be closed on Monday to give municipal and court employees an opportunity to enjoy the holidays with their families and loved ones.

Summer city, school taxes due

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

If you don't want to pay additional taxes in the form of late fees, and you haven't paid your city and school taxes, better listen.

City officials this week cautioned taxpayers that the last day to pay their 2002 city and school taxes is Friday, Aug. 30, 2002.

After that date, taxpayers will be assessed a fine. They also may have to make a trip to the Wayne County Building to pay the taxes.

If you have any questions, please contact the city's Treasurer's Office by dialing 313-563-4268.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF ROMULUS

Smith holds court in France and Switzerland

Winning attitude scores big on and off basketball court

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

The selection process was one of the toughest Romulus High School student and talented basketball player Justin Smith had ever been through. At the end of the selection process, the choice was clear; Smith would be taking the trip of a lifetime, all expenses paid, to France and Switzerland.

Smith was one of over 20 young basketball players selected by People to People International to represent the United States at international basketball competitions held in Switzerland. People to People is a grass roots organization that has for several decades recruited kids from across America to act as summer sports ambassadors representing America in communities around the world.

"It was still a little hard to believe I was going, even when I got to the airport," said Smith. "But then I got on

the plane to France and six hours in the air made me realize, hey, this is real." Smith, 17, was joined by teammates from all over the United States.

The team practiced in Paris, France. "Practice usually started at six in the morning, which is pretty early anywhere in the world. When practice was over, we usually got out to eat and site-see, including the Eiffel Tower," Smith said.

Smith had nothing but praise for his coaches and teammates. "We knew why we were there and we knew what got us there," he said. "The coaching staff was tough but fair, and a lot of fun. They believed in us as a team and as individuals," Smith said.

The competitions in Switzerland against teams from Italy, The Czech Republic and other European countries began, as Smith could not have imagined they would. "It was like the Olympics," he said. "Each country would parade out holding their flag

and walk around the gymnasium. They would play each country's national anthem. Our coach looked at me and said, Justin you're carrying the flag. I was nervous, but you do what coach says. It was amazing," Smith said.

When the United States entered the gym, Smith remembers that people in the stands stood and sang the US National anthem. "They were clapping and singing. You know a lot of them didn't know English, but they were singing our national anthem. I don't know what I was feeling when that happened, but it was deeper and prouder than anything I've ever felt," he said.

At the end of the Swiss competitions, Smith was voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates and the coaching staff. "It was a great experience," he said. Asked if he would do it again, Smith's reply was, "Oh yeah, in a heartbeat."



Justin Smith, back row 3rd from left, and his teammates and coach standing near the river Seine in Paris, France.



Funfest 1st place winner in baking contest. (left to right) Bobbie Underwood, Helen Carroll, Jackie Pregler, Cheryl Blanton.

100 Romulus seniors participate in fun fest

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

Don't tell seniors when they retire they retire from life. According to Romulus seniors, that just isn't so! "They are having fun and enjoying life," said Linda Norman, Romulus Senior Director.

Nearly 100 seniors took part in the 11-hour Fun Fest coordinated by Norman and Melissa Morton, manager of the Romulus Senior Towers.

The annual event provided seniors with musical entertainment, food, door prizes, a baking contest, massages and other free services such as mini health screening, and legal services.

Community service sectors provided information booths where seniors could learn about the local police and fire departments, local businesses, R.S.V.P. and the Library for the blind.

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Linda Norman,
Romulus Senior Director

Norman thanked the local businesses and volunteers who helped with the fest this year. "We are very pleased to have had two local hotels involved with the judging of the baking contest this year. It gave

some credibility to our seniors who baked their special treats for us," she said.

Melissa Kusibab from the DoubleTree Detroit Metro Airport hotel, and Kimberly Dasher and Sara Jelsomemo from the Hilton Garden Inn judged the event. Winning first place was Bobbie Underwood for fruit pies, Helen Carroll for cream pies, Jackie Pregler for cakes, and Cheryl Blanton for cookies. "It wasn't easy picking a winner since everything was so good. I was honored to be a part of this uplifting community program and watching our more seasoned adults having fun," said Kusibab.

Students from the Romulus Middle School volunteered to assist on the day of the Fun Fest. Each gave up eight hours of their summer vacation to be present at the event. "It is such a good feeling to see the community come together in such a fun setting," said Norman.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

'Heroes of 2001'

Wayne Post Office employees to help 9-11 families, victims

As the result of recently enacted legislation, the Wayne Post Office has joined a nationwide campaign to provide assistance to the families of the emergency services personnel killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Employees of the Wayne Post Office are encouraging the use of the "Heroes of 2001" semipostal stamp. In fact, they are starting a campaign to have all mail sent on September 11, 2002, posted with the "Hero" stamp.

The "Heroes of 2001" semipostal stamp is the second in United States history to have its net proceeds above postage earmarked for specified purposes.

"The self adhesive 'Heroes of 2001' stamp is now available," announced Postmaster Charles Quinn. "The United States Postal Service has a proud tradition of issuing stamps to help raise awareness of social issues. This stamp continues our active role in helping members of affected communities. We encourage everyone to purchase and use the stamp on cards and letters."

The 45-cent semipostal stamp is valid for postage at the current First-Class Mail, first-ounce letter rate in effect at the time of purchase (currently 37-cents), with the difference going to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to the families of emergency relief personnel killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty in connection with the September 11 terrorist attacks. The 8-cent difference is a tax-deductible contribution.

The "Breast Cancer Research" semipostal stamp was the first in this country's history to have its net proceeds earmarked for a specific cause. To date more than \$25 million has been raised for breast cancer research.

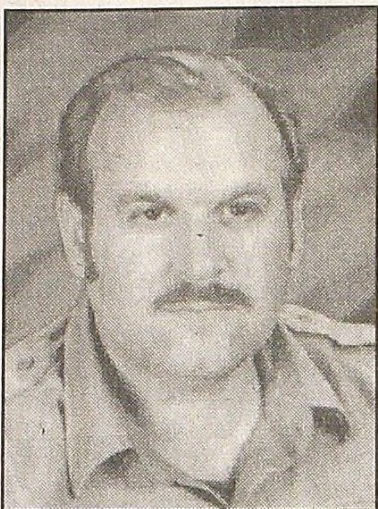
Both the "Heroes of 2001" and the "Breast Cancer Research" stamps are available for purchase at all U.S. Post Offices across the country. In addition, they may also be purchased by telephone at 1-800-stamp-24, as well as online at the Postal Store <www.usps.com>.

Window on Wayne

(This is a continuation of last week's column.)

The drug store burned in 1893 and Dr. Morrison died shortly after. John F. Cullen became the next post master and moved the post office to the north half of the Zimmerman and Forbes Bank of Wayne on Monroe Street, at the southwest corner of Main, next to the town square. (At this time the President of the United States appointed the postmaster for a term of four years.) In 1896 the bank closed and the post office took over all of the first floor of the two story brick building. Rural Free Delivery had been established and its office occupied the second floor. (The building was used as a barber shop before it was torn down in the 1960's.) As a post office, the building included post office boxes which were rented for 10-cents quarterly. Mail was placed in the box and held there for pick-up. When the cost of the boxes was raised to 20-cents, many of the boxholders canceled and used General Delivery.

Mr. Edwin A. Smith and Mr. John B. Murphy followed as postmasters of Wayne. Post office clerks included Celia Wentworth, Alice Cady, Emma John, Ida Collar, William R. Johnson and Grace



Richard L. Story

Smith Peters (the writer's grandmother).

The first rural mail carrier was Harvey Haywood, a Civil War veteran. Others that followed Haywood were Frank Outhwaite, Charles Avery, Sr., Clarence Jones, and Charles Avery, Jr., who was the first to deliver mail from an automobile.

The mail train arrived in Wayne on Thursdays between 3 and 4 p.m. The post office stayed open late that day, as people would walk to the post office to not only pick up mail, but also catch up on the latest gossip.

Mr. Jack Murphy was the postmaster for 14 years and moved the post office to the Masonic Temple in 1919, where it remained for 10 years. Mr. Harry Ziegler, the next to serve as post master, moved the post office to the Clark Building on Monroe Street.



Changing times

Wayne Police's Community Policing Officer Ryan Strong sets food and soda pop on a picnic table in preparation for 'Kids Day' at Park Hill Apartments. Little did Strong or his colleagues know that some 100 children would showed up to celebrate the event organized by the officers in appreciation of the apartment's managerial staff's cooperation in reducing crime in the area and neighborhood.

Police officers host 100 children

Children at the Park Hill Apartments recently had an opportunity to meet and sit at a table and have lunch with police officers.

Some of the children have seen Wayne's finest in action in recent weeks when they have raided suspected drug dealers at various apartments. Now, they had an opportunity to sit down and have lunch with the officers who also are family-men, husbands, fathers and care-takers.

The officers grilled hot dogs for

the kids, and provided soft drinks and chatted with the youngsters. More than 100 kids showed up for "Kids' Day", according to Police Officer Ryan Strong, who was in charge of the program.

"There's been a change for the better at Park Hill," said Strong. "In the past, officers were dispatched to the apartment complex several times a shift. That's changed largely due to a combined effort by the apartment complex's manager (Brian Washington). Now, we're lucky if

we go there once or twice a week.

"And we really appreciate it. Hence the party for the kids."

Strong stressed that Washington has expressed a desire to operate a safe apartment complex for all of the residents and is hoping for strong ties with the local police department.

Wayne's Fire fighters, as well as the popular Wayne Community Center's Fun Squad, made cameo appearances during the "Kid's Day" celebration.

Postal office contest stars teddy bears

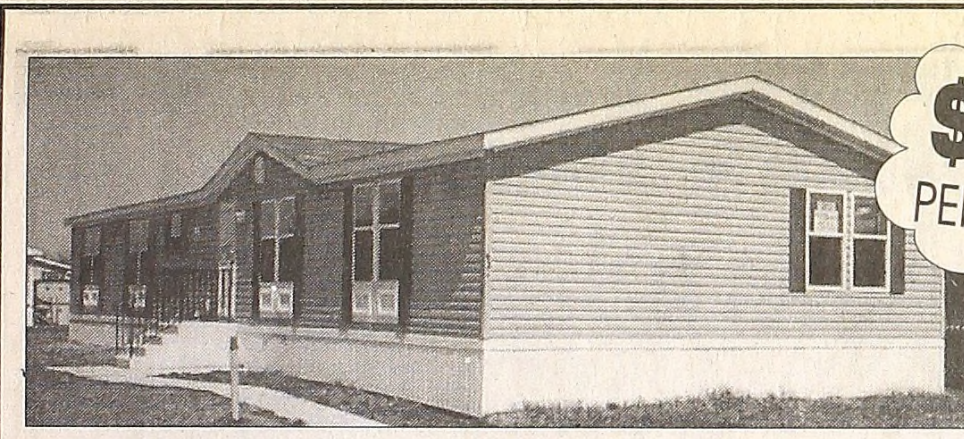
Decked out with a wide assortment of teddy bears owned by employees, the Wayne Post Office is currently hosting a contest in conjunction with the release of four "Teddy Bear" stamps. The staff has filled a gallon jar with teddy bear cookies, inviting customers to guess how many bears it took to fill the jar. The winner, to be announced on Friday, Aug. 30, will receive a framed sheet of the Teddy Bear stamps to either display or use.

The stamps went on sale nationwide on Friday, Aug. 16, 2002. All four teddy bears featured on the page of 20 stamps were manufactured in the United States.

The Ideal bear dates from circa 1905; the Bruin bear from circa 1907, and the Gund bear from circa 1948. The unlabeled stick bear date from the 1920's and is characterized by shorter arms, thin legs, and an upright posture.

Teddy bears remain enormously popular today and are widely viewed as symbols of security and comfort. They are often used by police officers and hospital staff to calm children in traumatic situations. The text on each stamp reads, "Teddy Bears USA."

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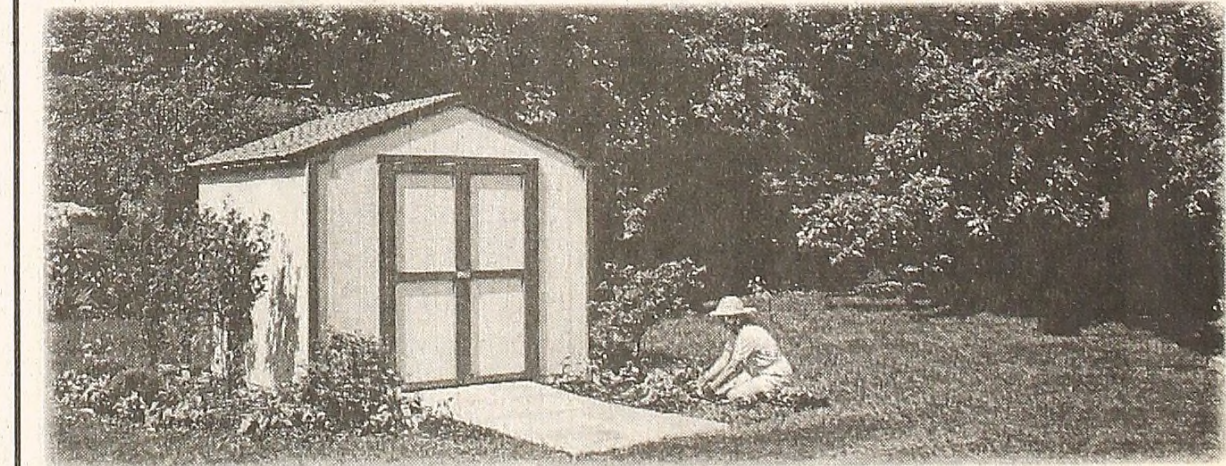
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP



September days seniors enjoy the annual Country Jamboree held at the Van Buren Senior Center. Over 300 hundred area seniors enjoyed the day and evening's festivities.

Finance authority established

Appointments made to oversee district

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

Van Buren's Board of Trustees has adopted a resolution, which will create a Local Development Financing Authority for the Visteon Corporation. Appointments to the 11-member financing authority board have recently been approved.

The authority will consist of seven members appointed by Township Supervisor Cindy King, and the VB Board of Trustees, two members appointed by Larry Tabor, Superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools, one appointed by the governing board of Wayne County Community College and one by the Wayne County Commission.

At a special VB Trustee meeting on August 12, Bryce Kelley, Director of Planning and Economic Development named the appointees. They are: Mark Davenport, Louise Williamson and David DiRita, appointed to one year terms; Frank Alex, Doug Peters and Kenneth McKanders, appointed to two year terms; Charles Covington, Michael Prochaska and Jane Millett, appointed to three year terms; and VB Supervisor Cindy King and Marjorie Oliver to serve the four year terms.

Van Buren was selected by Visteon as headquarters for corporate offices. The company, the second largest supplier to the automotive industry will be located off of I-275 in the township, north of Tyler Road,

south of Ecorse.

The authority will oversee financing for public improvements near the Visteon headquarters, estimated to cost nearly \$300 million dollars before it is finished. The authority will capture taxes much the same as a TIFA District or DDA authority from local businesses that operate within the established boundaries, the township board has set those boundaries. The authority will capture the taxes along Tyler Road to Haggerty, and along Hannan Road to Ecorse.

The authority will meet in order to contemplate projects that will enhance the Visteon corridor, hoping to lure new business to Van Buren Township.

Director to stay

Reporters in the Van Buren School District will be happy to hear that Karen LaMothe will continue in her position as Communications Coordinator. LaMothe has provided this newspaper with upcoming events, student achievement, pictures, and news releases that make our jobs much easier, and provide much needed and anticipated information for parents in the district.

Everyone knows how excited children are to see their picture in the paper, or read their names, while they watch their parents clipping and saving to scrapbooks.

Although the district has changed her job description, LaMothe will remain as the fountain that springs forth all kinds of information and stories about the kids, teachers and schools in the district.

She began with the district in August of 2000. In 2001 she took maternity leave, and returned in January of 2002. She is not interested in continuing as a full-time employee due to her desire to spend more time with her baby.

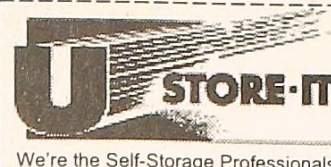
The school board's personnel committee discussed alternatives to the full-time position, since LaMothe indicated her preference for part-time work. A decision was made to reduce the position to three-fifths status, which would save the district money and allow them to keep LaMothe on.

At the Board of Education's August 12 meeting, the board members accepted the personnel's suggestion and voted to allow LaMothe to stay as a part-time employee saving the district \$14,500.

We want to hear from you!

Tri-community residents who would like to submit letters to the editor can send them to Brenda Gracin at 35518 Park Street, Wayne,

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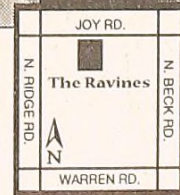
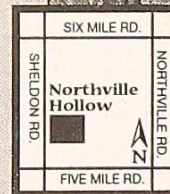
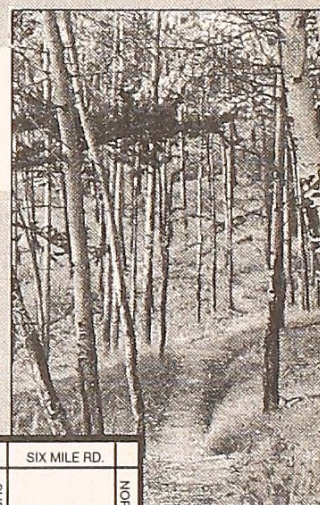
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Antics of Sumpter officials mis-directed

Some would call Sumpter Township the wild, wild west. More often than not, Wayne County's most rural township reminds many of us of days gone by when sewers were a figment of our imagination and zoning was a term not yet invented.

As we write, I don't suggest you call a friend there. Cell phones, for the most part don't work in the township. And I would bet, most residents don't care. They like the rural character of their township, they just don't like the characters that run it.

No one has been more controversial than Elmer Parraghi, the shoot from the hip gun- I mean wordslinger, who rode in to town as the new Supervisor a year-and-a-half-ago. With him he brought Clarence Hoffman, as his deputy, er I mean Clerk, and the two of them have stirred up controversy on a grand scale.

One of their recent targets is Sheena Barnes, the owner of a down home style barbecue restaurant. Housed in a dressed-up trailer similar to something you might see along the roadside in Arkansas, Barnes has been serving her popular tasty food for many years in another Sumpter location.

However, when she moved her mobile restaurant to the other side of the railroad tracks this year, Parraghi and his followers are doing all they can to shut her down. Barnes is not about to close, however, and has gathered over 1200 signatures in support of her effort to remain open.

Her restaurant was on the agenda at the last board meeting. She and close to 250 supporters packed township hall to enlist the support of township officials. There was a slight problem, however. Only three township board members made it to the meeting. Since it takes four to officially meet, no business could be conducted and Barnes' supporters were sent packing.

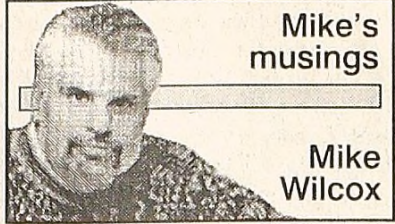
Another Sumpter resident had considerable support at the cancelled meeting as well. Sumpter Police Officer Roger Mayfield, who was injured while making an arrest, hasn't been paid for four months. His wife and most of the police officers from the police department were in attendance to encourage board members to help the Mayfield family.

Unfortunately no help has come. Union officials, who were criticized by police officers have resigned. Police officers, pissed off about how Mayfield has been treated, are also angry that they don't have enough patrol cars and must deal with broken radios and weapons. This, despite a new public safety mill that was approved by voters two years ago to hire new officers and provide better equipment.

But back to the cancelled meeting. Observers thought the meeting was cancelled because of the huge crowds expected to rally for Barnes and Mayfield, but that was not the case. Upon further investigation, some board members decided not to show because they knew Parraghi and his supporters were going to attempt to oust City Manager Steve Kunselman.

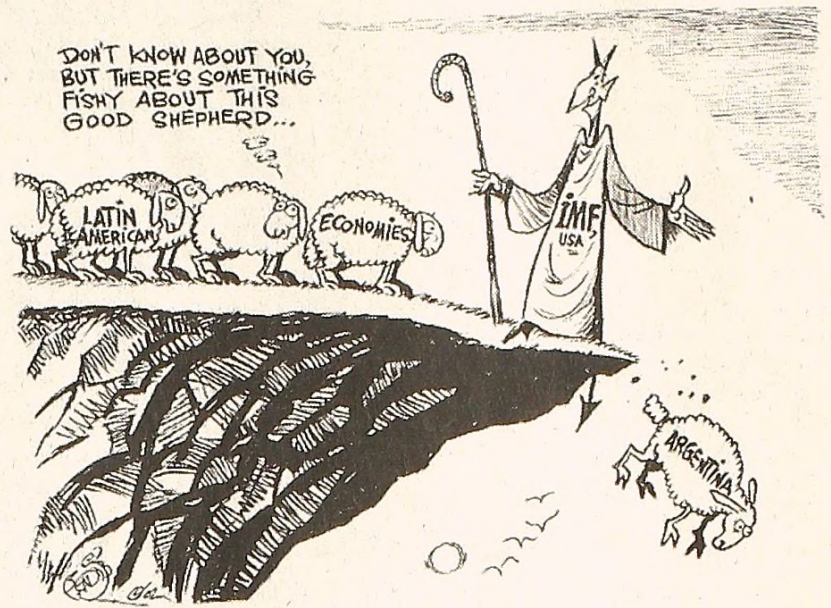
Kunselman has survived many ouster attempts in the past, but this time Parraghi appeared to have the votes to send him to the unemployment office. Kunselman, a holdover from the previous administration, is not well-liked by the Parraghi contingent. They would rather have their own person in place to run day-to-day affairs.

But just like Barnes and Mayfield, Parraghi's agenda will have to wait for another day.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Considering apathy's advantages

Not too long ago, you could use the word "Westland" as a synonym for "apathy."

Under former Mayor Bob Thomas, the city could take away sewer work from Wayne County, botch the job by flooding over 400 basements of homes with human excrement, and get away with it.

Though families had to evacuate their homes, through away furniture, or suffer fungus damage, most were content to accept cash settlements for the fiasco.

None questioned Thomas's decision to take away a job from the county, who routinely does successful work (and does it for every other out-county 'burb), and subcontract the work to campaign contributors.

Instead, the flooded homeowners overwhelmingly voted to reelect Thomas over Ken Mehl in 1997.

But a few years later, the apathy mutated to anger when residents banded together to recall the council members held responsible for the boorish firing of City Clerk Patricia Gibbons. (With or warning or reason or a council vote, two councilmen had kicked the 25-year-employee out of her office before her term had expired.)

In 2000, the recall drive created a large audience for cable broadcasts of city council meetings and a small band of activists.

Though the recall drive succeeded in ousting four council members, sending Thomas into hiding, and amending the city's charter to call for an elected clerk, the movement

failed to elect congenial candidates.

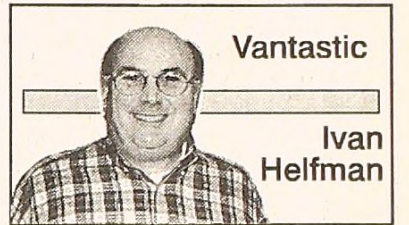
Without like-minded representation on the city council, since the last city election former recall activists have been exiled to the lectern at city council meetings. Each has had five minutes to speak during general citizen comments, and five minutes to speak on each agenda item.

The ineffectiveness of these five-minute comments became apparent during the discussions preceding the city council's approval of lot splits for developer Mark Leipsnitz on a 4.5-acre parcel on Avondale, near Schuman.

Neighbors and activists opposed splitting 12 lots into 17 for the building of homes because, contrary to the city charter, the recalled city council had sold the property to a tax deadbeat, and because neighbors claimed that the development will exasperate flooding problems during rain.

Whatever the merits of the objections, under the state's Subdivision Control Act, the city council had no choice but to split the lots as long as the developer met all of the city's and county's requirements. Unlike in a rezoning, where the city council can use its discretion, in a lot split the council has no discretion. It can only determine whether the applicant meets the approval criteria. On Avondale, Leipsnitz met all requirements and could not be denied without being handed a winnable lawsuit.

While the neighbors can't be faulted for mobilizing against an un-



Vantastic

Ivan Helfman

expected development of a green field behind their backyards, the activists must be faulted for throwing oil on the fire.

After three years of regularly attending council meetings, it's time for the activists to learn how local government works, including the difference between discretionary and nondiscretionary decisions.

By irresponsibly arguing against the lot split, the activists missed the boat on a legitimate issue: putting teeth in the charter's prohibition on selling property to tax deadbeats.

By setting tough penalties for city charter violations, council members would think twice before trashing the charter to benefit friendly developers.

As government works in slow and mysterious ways, marching up to the lectern and asking the same questions was fine when the activists first appeared at council meetings. Fine but ineffective.

But three years later, the activists should have slowly unraveled most of government's mystery. If they have, they should march to the microphone to propose realistic alternatives. If not, they should consider the advantages of apathy.

Big shot takes a hard fall

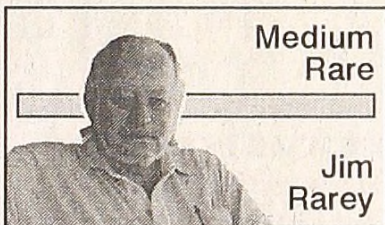
There is an adage that "the bigger they are the harder they fall." This may apply to trees and buildings but as we are now finding out, it doesn't necessarily apply to top officers of large corporations.

For example take William T. McCormick, former chairman and CEO of CMS Energy (parent company of Consumers Power). During his tenure he traveled in very high circles of government influence.

McCormick was one of 39 business leaders and lobbyists who met with government officials to craft the nation's energy policy. The names of the individuals in those meetings were a closely guarded secret until a federal judge ordered the names released.

In January of this year, McCormick was appointed (by Spencer Abraham, former Michigan senator and current Secretary of Energy) to an Electricity Advisory Board. This was just a few weeks before the CMS scandal erupted (in public) over phony "round trip" transactions among CMS and several other energy companies.

The scandal eventually forced the resignation of McCormick on May 24, 2002, announced at the company's annual stockholders



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

meeting. However the terms of his severance from the company were not made public at that time. A company spokesperson would only say that the terms of his contract were being honored.

In the August 23rd Free Press, columnist Brian Dickerson revealed the outrageous contents of the severance agreement which was dated June 4, 2002, some ten days after McCormick's resignation.

For the next two years McCormick will draw his salary of \$1.1 million plus an 80% bonus. He will have office space and secretarial support for those two years. The company will also pay for his health insurance, his \$1 million life insurance policy and memberships in the Detroit Athletic Club and the swank Tournament Players Club of Michigan.

In return for this (to say the least) generous severance package, the disgraced chairman and CEO

will spend a maximum of 100 hours per three months helping CMS "clean up" some transactions in which he was involved. Oh yes, additionally he had to promise not to co-operate with any stockholder lawsuits that may be brought against the company. (Would you call that "hush money"?) Evidently that provision did not extend to criminal investigations.

However, McCormick has not disappeared from public view. In March of this year Governor John Engler appointed him to the Board of Directors of the new Airport Authority which is charged with cleaning up the favoritism and corruption at Detroit Metro Airport. Lame ducks Engler and outgoing county executive Ed McNamara appointed six of the seven-member board.

The Wayne County Commission (which was at least a passive facilitator of the airport corruption) has filed a lawsuit to overturn the establishment of the airport authority. In this writers opinion none of the current parties involved in the controversy would seem to be an improvement.

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Caller wants to hear how Graunstadt would break incinerator contract

An open Sound Off to Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt:

Lately, you've reaped much praise from your supporters regarding your stance on the incinerator issue, which has left many of us baffled.

When you refused to back the sanitation millage, despite the fact that Glenn Anderson, the mayor, and all other city council members supported it, I figured you must have your own plan. I have yet to see or hear your plan.

Yes Cheryl, we need to make a transition away from the current contract and go with cheaper landfills. We know this. How do you propose we do this?

Some costs can be cut, but as one of your colleagues said: "We've made a lot of cuts short of cutting city services or laying off employees." Councilman Michael Kehrer, March 21, 2001.

The proposed \$3 per month tax was a plan. You didn't like it. What is your plan?

Angela Todd told to look in the mirror before criticizing others' looks

I think Angela Todd has a food phobia.

She has a fixation on how people look, act and eat. Too big a belly and you are a sub-standard human being. Too frumpy in your attire and you are a disgrace to your community.

Give me a break, lady, you are

not so easy on the eyes yourself, but I would never point out in print what I don't like about your looks. Talk about superficial.

Don't blame Graunstadt for recent defeat of Westland garbage tax

Before anybody dares blame Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt for the sanitation tax failure, and I know there are some already blaming her; remember this folks. Cheryl, her husband Ron, and a handful of other residents warned our elected officials not to get into this thing in the first place. Warned them with strong arguments and information that our city council and mayor ignored.

For years afterwards, Mrs. Graunstadt continued to attempt

to raise awareness and convince others of this losing venture. And yet, as a councilwoman, some people actually thought she was supposed to abandon her strong stand against the incinerator. For what? A push for more taxpayer's money for more debt on top of debt?

I agree, the people need to know there is a light at the end of this tunnel before the city asks for more dollars.

Corporate executives and accountants think they're above the law

Ethics committees are popping up all over as the latest politically correct measure in a sincere attempt to ensure an ethical government and business sector. Are not

See **SOUND OFF**, page A-8

Young Goths love Creepy Clyde

Kids running around screaming. Young ladies in short leather mini skirts. Guys walking around on stilts. A woman with tattoos all over her body. A man with no eyelids. A giant snake eating a live pig in one bite. A person that is half man and half woman.

Could this be downtown Wayne? A park in Inkster? A Westland City Council meeting?

No boys and girls, it is the Michigan State Fair. Maybe not the current fair, but in the old days, fairs were famous for the freak shows. Not the crazy freak teenagers walking around looking like Britney Spears or Puff Daddy, but the old-fashioned side shows that could give a kid or a newspaper reporter nightmares.

Nightmares from today's fairs are more likely to be caused by the traffic jams and by how much things cost. Nevertheless, I think I will pack up the kids and take a drive down Eight Mile Road to Woodward and go to the World's Oldest State Fair. See the lights, smell the cotton candy and see if they still have that gi-

ant snake that eats the pigs.

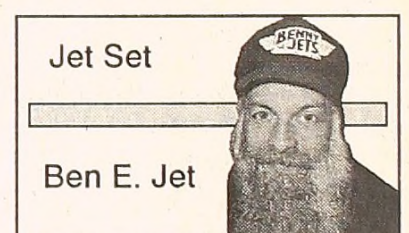
Speaking of creepy things, I met Creepy Clyde. Clyde is a singer of spooky songs and is a most interesting fellow. He sings quietly, kind of eerily and kind of like Frank Sinatra.

Young Goth people with black fingernails love him. Old ladies with their hair sprayed stiff can't get enough of him.

He sings seven nights a week at a little Transylvanian Restaurant just off Michigan Avenue, next to the Dunkin Donuts in Dearborn. For more information call Clyde at (313) 438-2699 or see his web site at www.creepyclyde.com.

Woodward Dream Cruise turned out to be not too scary. Yet close to 2 million people were in the area. Tons of classic cars, tons of vans, tons of pickup trucks, tons of anything with wheels. Lots of entertainment — Chubby Checker, Elvis impersonators, Mitch Ryder — all in probably the biggest traffic jam of all time, but seems fun was had by all.

Speaking of fun, Westland and its parks and recreation department had a benefit for the city's new skate



Jet Set

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board park. It was a super event with a silent auction, a party, and a dinner at the Friendship Center.

Westland's Who's Who was in attendance. Everyone from Mayor Sandra Cicirelli to Bob Kosowski, Charles Pickering, Gary Bulson, Bill Wild, Jeremy Graft, Phil Jackson, Pam Anderson (not that Pam Anderson), Nora Herbert, and County Commissioner Kay Beard who had the winning bid on a Brent Hull signed Red Wing jersey.

Everyone got a laugh when they announced the winner of the Observer newspaper subscription was the old dude above me, Ivan Helfman.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Gov. John Engler deserves praise for Proposal A

To the editor:

What utter nonsense. Ivan Helfman's piece on Governor Engler was nothing more than silly ideological rhetoric masquerading as enlightened opinion.

I hope that thousands of Michigan senior citizens whose lives have been made a bit more comfortable because of Proposal A take note of this foolish misrepresentation of the facts. Perhaps they should ask Helfman to tell all of us who twisted his arm to run such misleading and distorted trash in a once honorable newspaper.

Political discourse is the foundation of a free society. Independent and diverse opinion on the full spectrum of issues confronting our nation and communities holds the promise of finding answers and a better way. Unfortunately, when a person honored to hold a position of public influence allows blind allegiance to political ideologies to control his word processor, society and the community are not served.

Missing from Helfman's turgid historical review of Engler's term was any mention of the author of Proposal A. While Engler and most compassionate Lansing elected officials

from both parties were quick to claim Proposal A as their own because it promised to free thousands of overtaxed Michigan homeowners from a portion of their regressive property taxes, it was in fact former State Sen. Debbie Stabenow who crafted that legislation.

For the first time in recent memory it was a Democrat (believe it or not) who actually initiated a move toward tax fairness.

I would also mention that across Michigan and the nation there is, and has been for decades, a collective belief that the property tax is the most regressive levy our citizens

are forced to live with.

That tax steals critical resources from struggling first time homeowners wanting to climb the ladder to a better life. It seals necessary resources from middle class homeowners trying to improve their community and the lives of their families.

And in far too many cases property taxes actually result in the stealing of a senior or low-income individual's homestead to satisfy the insatiable and unaccountable governmental appetite for our private resources only to fund special interest projects.

If Helfman is truly a dedicated Robin Hood liberal concerned with the welfare of the downtrodden, he should use his valuable space and talents to urge the abolition of all property taxes and a shift to an increased income tax to fund government. That is the fair liberal way of doing things: To each according to his needs, from each according to his means.

In part, due to Engler's (or Stabenow's) Proposal A, my mother, who recently celebrated her 96th birthday while continuing to live in her own home of over 65 years, will be able to remain in that home as

long as she is able. And there a thousands of other moms across

Michigan who are still able to remain in their homes in part because of Proposal A.

Even dedicated tax-grabbing liberals should be able to concede that our seniors, who have been paying taxes for their entire life, should not be thrown out of their homes because they are unable to help fund through property taxes often foolish, always wasteful, and usually unnecessary government programs.

Dennis G. Fasset
Belleville

Mayor thanks skate park benefactors

To the editor:

Because of you!

Because of everyone's hard work and generosity the skate park benefit auction was a huge success. We can't thank everyone enough for their dedication to this project.

Starting with the committee, we would like to thank the following who have worked day and night on securing prizes setting up and selling tickets.

They deserve a big round of applause, they are Councilman Michael Kehrer, Councilman Bob Stottlemeyer, Lesa Blackburn, Normie Brazier, Doug Briney, Dan Green, Nora Herbert, Margaret Martin, Barb Polich, Beth Pummill, Sandy Tyo, and Craig Welkenbach.

We would also like to thank all of the businesses who donated prizes for the event. The generosity shown by these businesses was truly amazing.

A major thank you is also in order to all of the businesses that gave monetary contributions to our sponsorship program. In baseball terms they hit a grand slam for the new skate park.

We would also like to thank all of the people who helped set up the Friendship Center prior to the event. For anyone that was there they witnessed the fantastic theme that was set up. The decor was pretty remarkable. Thanks to Peggy Ellenwood for all of her help while using the Center. Thanks to the parks and recreation maintenance staff for all of there hard work.

And last but not least, a special thank you to all of the people that attended the event and spent generously on not only the auction items but all of the special fundraisers that we had the night. Such as the 50/50 raffles, Willie Wonka golden ticket challenge, cash cube, pick a prize chance, the t-shirt section and the big raffle. We would also like to thank the Civitans for sponsoring the big raffle.

Up next is our golf outing and we hope everyone can attend. Our grand opening is scheduled for the middle of October and we invite everyone to this special event.

Thanks again to all! You have certainly "put kids first!"

Mayor Sandra A. Cicirelli
Parks and Recreation
Director Bob Kosowski
Westland

Black men suffer racial discrimination

To the editor:

I'm confused, decades ago, centuries ago, racism was widespread and much visualized. Today we are suppose to be a country where everyone is accepted no matter what race, creed, or color you are. Correct?

There were times when "colored people" could not dare to enter the City of Dearborn, but because of our strong belief in what the U.S. stands for those times have changed, thank God.

Then again I don't know if I should thank him yet. Till this day, black men of all ages are still harassed when they enter the City of Dearborn, Wayne, Westland, Taylor, and Romulus. Why, why, why?

Answer: Racism still exists in

those cities. I'm sorry, my apologies, I forgot it's just law enforcement to protect civilians. They are very "over protective" of their black male civilians to the point they just lock them behind bars or give them a ticket for "just cause."

How can a man receive a ticket for marijuana when they pull up in the parking lot of Fairlane Town Center to go pay a jewelry bill. Answer: The African-American civilian had proper license, registration, and the jewelry bill in his hand along with a check stub showing they had worked 75 hours in one week, but he was driving a sporty car and was a middle-aged black man.

Point is, we are still taboo, and it is not fair that we are always under suspicion.

Black men are not the only men that deal with drugs. They can drive sporty car too and not be a drug dealer.

Guess that men of different races get away with so much because the African-American is a camouflage for them. Black men do work, marry, raise children and attend family functions and parent teacher conferences. They

do encourage their sons and daughters to be a part of the D.A.R.E. program so they will not be blind to the "streets pressures."

Oh yeah, what are you suppose to think when no marijuana was ever showed to the accused because they never had any? The accused just was being railroaded to cover up the police officers'

faulty suspicion.

So my question is, does the United States of America really stand for Freedom, Liberty and Justice for All, or only when it seems convenient to use in a "worldly time of disaster."

Sincerely,
LaTasha McKinney
Westland

Rain can't stop Wayne parade

To the editor:

I would just like to thank everyone involved in putting on the Wayne Wheelfest Parade. Even though everyone got drenched it was still a good parade.

I did miss the unicycles and all

of the Shriner cars and motorcycles, though I understand why they were absent. Even through the rain, the kids were enthusiastic with their cheerleading and Tae Kwon Do exhibition.

Thank you to all the organizers

and participants for your enthusiasm and dedication in putting on a spectacular parade year after year.

Sincerely,
Pamela Conley,
Belleville

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2002

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Elg, Parks Manager Camis, Secretary Cline and an audience of fifteen (15).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda, as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to consider Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program project change to ADA project #01-30-03: Replacement and upgrading of equipment at Tyler-Haggerty Park to bring the park into ADA compliance. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Manager Camis for an explanation. Manager Camis stated this is a project change to the CDBG program for the fiscal year 2001-2002 for the Tyler/Haggerty Park to bring the park into ADA (Americans with Disability Act) compliance by replacing and upgrading the playground equipment. In the original 2001-2002 CDBG program budget \$72,200 was allocated for ADA projects, project #01-30-03 that included replacement of the playground equipment at Van Buren Park and replacement of doors and construction of ADA counters in the Recreation Center and Senior Center. Both of these projects came in under budget, which left funding of \$21,797.65 available for other projects. Manager Camis has requested this amount be utilized for replacement of playground equipment at Tyler/Haggerty Park. This will bring the last Van Buren Park play area into ADA compliance. He specifically noted that the French Landing Park improvements will begin in the fall.

Manager Camis stated all of the play equipment at Tyler/Haggerty Park needs to be replaced and currently the park does not meet ADA standards. This project would include upgrading the play equipment and the accessibility to the park at both entrances. Upon approval by the Board of Trustees, residents of the community, particularly the residents of the Tyler/Haggerty neighborhood will be invited to participate along with the Parks & Recreation Department in a meeting to discuss what type of upgrades and play equipment will best fit the park.

Manager Camis continued by stating the idea for the playground equipment upgrade was presented to the Recreation Committee at it's July 9, 2002 meeting, and they support removing noncompliant equipment. The process from here would be upon favorable Board approval, an application would be submitted to Wayne County and if found acceptable the next step would be an environmental review process. This process would take about two months. Lastly, the project would start with the removal of play equipment this fall with completion of the project by June 30, 2003.

There were no additional comments or questions from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of August 12, 2002, as presented. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2002, as amended for minor typographical errors. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Manager Camis received a letter of thanks from the Metro Youth Fitness Committee for the townships participation in this year's Youth Fitness Event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program

project change to ADA project #01-30-03: Replacement and upgrading of equipment at Tyler-Haggerty Park to bring the park into ADA compliance. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to approve the 2002 SMART Municipal Credit Contract and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to allow Trustee Jahr to abstain from voting on New Business Item #3 "Consider approving tentative preliminary plat approval for the proposed Rolan Meadows Subdivision located on the south side of Tyler west of Haggerty Road, parcel number V-125-83-054-99-0001-000." as recommended by township legal council. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to approve the Tentative Preliminary Plat for the proposed 60 unit Rolan Meadows Subdivision located on the south side of Tyler Road, west of Haggerty Road, parcel number V125-83-054-99-0001-000, per the recommendation and conditions of the Planning Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting held April 25, 2002, the letter from the Township Planning Consultant, dated April 18, 2002, and the letter from the Township engineer dated April 5, 2002. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Herman, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd, Hart and King. Nays: None. Abstained: Jahr. Absent and excused: None. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the August 20, 2002 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Work Study Session will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. due to the closure of Township Administrative Offices on Monday, September 2, 2002, ill observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company will be held on Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Quality Company parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of hazardous waste in a safe and environmental friendly manner.

Treasurer Budd announced that Deputy Treasurer Malinczak recently received his certification as a Certified Municipal Finance Administrator.

Treasurer Budd thanked Manager Camis for his hard work and innovative programs while employed with the Township and wished him well as he returns to college as a full time student. Supervisor King also thanked Manager Camis and stated he has tendered his resignation but has remained to see the completion of projects.

The "20th Annual Midnight Cruisers Car Show" will be held Friday, August 23rd through Sunday, August 25th at Van Buren Park.

Manager Camis thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to work for Van Buren Township.

On Tuesday, August 27, 2002 and Wednesday, August 28, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Budget Preparation Meetings will be held in the Otisville/Sheldon room at the Township Hall.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident from Village Place Estates subdivision expressed concerns regarding the completion of the subdivision. Director Kelley stated he and the Ordinance Department have been in contact with the homeowners association and the developer, and steps are being taken to resolve this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Publish: August 29, 2002

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL
46425 TYLER ROAD

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in existing Industrial Development District #12 pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for Daikin Clutch Corporation, 8601 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

V125-83-047 -99-0001-003 described as:

12R1B1 PT OF SW 1/4 SEC 12 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N89DEG 45M 57S E 60.07FT FROM W 1/4 COR SEC 12 TH N89DEG 45M 57S E 802.30FT TH S02DEG 27M 57S E 654.96FT TH S89DEG 45M 57S W 795.07FT TH N03DEG 05M 50S W 655.28FT TO POB 12.00 AC

Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The exact legal descriptions are available for public review at the township offices during regular business hours.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

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August 29, 2002

MORE LETTERS AND SOUND OFFS FROM OUR READERS

Sound Off

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accounting firms in place to serve that same purpose?

In Washington, where a parade of Fortune 500 executives are on the hot seat for mismanagement of funds, legislators are asking the accused, "What can we do to prevent this from happening again?"

Hello! Lawless people don't think that laws apply to them. These executives, many of whom will not answer questions, don't care about preventing these types of corporate crimes. They care about preventing only one thing — getting caught.

Watch the hearings, the finger-pointing is quite entertaining, as is the constant backpedaling by the accounting firms' top dogs.

What is the point of accounting or "principles of conduct" when many in power not only lack any sense of public accountability, they lack basic principles?

Westland should stop wasting money before begging for money

Keep those donations coming. Westland will soon need it's own auction of donated items to help pay off the mess our former mayor left this city in.

Police cars and fire vehicles being driven God only knows where and for what reason. Unmarked cars going home on city gas.

Fix those abuses first, then maybe the people will believe you when you can cry about no money for hiring more public service workers or equipment.

Fix the overpriced garbage problem, then cry about more money to pay our debt. Better yet, quit going into more debt.

Wrong to rag councilwoman for not supporting city's garbage tax

This if for guy who speaks at every Westland City Council meeting — the one who seems to have a fondness for Mayor Cicirelli. For him to have attacked Councilwoman Graunstadt was wrong.

She has been the only one to offer any solution to the incinerator problem, at least to offer one that is forthright instead of begging the taxpayers to pay and pay and pay when we never got to vote on this stupid contract.

Councilwoman Graunstadt has spoken on many occasions of the need to make a transition away from the current contract and go with cheaper area landfills and increased recycling efforts.

She has case histories of other cities that have done just that. And yet, her words fall on deaf ears time and time again. The member cities in the authority hired a high-priced lawyer. Let's put the guy to work and find a way out.

Supporter says that Graunstadt was brave to oppose millage

If I felt I could say these things without fear of being ridiculed, I would get up at a Westland City Council meeting. Sometimes it is better to speak without your name being known, especially in this town.

I supported the millage, or special charter tax, even though others did not. I can afford the extra money, but I agree that we should not continue with this wasteful deal because no matter how much we have spent in the past. We keep owing more and our prices go up too.

Councilwoman Graunstadt was fair, honest and tenacious in her stand. She could have easily gone along with the others and not felt the heat. Now I'm told it's cold shoulders she'll be feeling. That is not right. I'm grateful that she is watching out for us even if she was against the extra millage.

Column blasting people who enabled Engler's power politics praised

Good column ("Don't blame Engler for cuts," Aug. 15), Mr. Helfman. I am not and never have been an Engler supporter, but your reminding others of his history of blackmail and strong-armed politics was timely.

Quit landscaping Central City Parkway instead of laying off cops

Today as i was driving home from the grocery store and I saw a city of Westland truck filled with sod. Boy what kind of budget are we on? Show me how I can put sod in on a budget.

Instead of cutting the people at the senior center, police and fire, and city hall, let's get rid of the frills. Like the landscaping on Central City Parkway.

I bet that cut would save at least \$10,000.

Cut the frills not the service.

Cox foe advises candidate to get far away from town if he loses

To David Cox: When you lose this election, do us all a favor and get out of town.

Go somewhere where they don't know you and get a real job. Move far far away so your bad reputation in politics will not be found out.

Survey Wrong

To the editor:

I do not agree with the US Department of Education's list of the ten top failing schools because I didn't see the state of Florida listed in ("Record pandering mars election," Ivan Helfman's Aug. 8 column). Perhaps they should take another survey.

Liz Davis
Port Richey, Fla.

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE OF NUISANCE & HAZARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a nuisance and safety hazard exists, consisting of tree limbs and brush and holes in the roof of the house, declared by the Council to be dangerous to the welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Wayne, on property located at 4839 Niagara Street, Tax ID No. 024-01-1025-000.

The owner of said property was notified by mail but has failed to correct the situation. The owner of said property is hereby required to abate or remove said nuisance and hazard on or before August 30, 2002.

Failure to abate or remove the nuisance and hazard will cause the City Manager to order its removal and assess the costs thereof to the property by special assessment.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by McEachern, supported by Shackelford and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2002-27, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-27

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION TO PART SIXTEEN, FIRE PREVENTION CODE; CHAPTER 1610.02, ADOPTION OF 1976 EDITION OF A.I.A. CODE, 1982 AMENDMENTS AND 2000 EDITION OF NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) FIRE PREVENTION CODE #1, NFPA LIFE SAFETY CODE #101 AND 1998 EDITION OF NFPA #1141, PLANNED BUILDING GROUP

1610.02 (a)

Those certain documents, complete copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk or the Fire Department for public use and inspection, being marked and designated as the Fire Prevention Code, the 1976 edition, including the 1982 Amendments thereof, prepared and promulgated by the American Insurance Association, 2000 Edition of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Fire Prevention Code #1, NFPA Life Safety Code #101 and 1998 Edition of NFPA #1141, Planned Building Group, published by the National Fire Protection Association, are hereby adopted as the Fire Prevention Code of the City for the purposes prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion and controlling the storage, handling and use of flammable or explosive substances and the use or occupancy of buildings or premises with reference thereto. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such Codes are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as fully as if set forth in this chapter, except as may be amended in this chapter.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Adopted: August 20, 2002
Published: August 29, 2002
Effective: August 30, 2002

Cigarette tax will create a black market

To the editor:

There are many articles today saying that the additional tax money recently voted in by the Michigan Legislature will hit the teen smokers where it hurts the most and that is in the wallet.

It will be quite surprising if higher taxes on cigarettes will in any way bother the teens, and as for the honorable legislators, it's another one of their pipe dreams.

All it does is create a black market, and if anyone knows where the black market is located, it'll be those whose lives are attempting to be directed by government.

In Michigan, as in most other states where the cigarette tax was raised, the legislature did nothing more than add to the coffers of the subversives and other al-Qaida supporters.

These groups have been buying cigarettes by the truck load in North Carolina where there is no cigarette tax and selling in Michigan. This has already been reported but not on the front pages.

With the recent jump from 25 cents to \$1.25 it is now a smugglers bonanza. They do not worry about their money being frozen in banks since our government has provided them with extra channels by which they can earn and siphon this money to the terrorist organizations.

This whole process isn't about helping teenagers to get off cigarettes.

The tragedy here is that these legislators were actually looking for ways and means of finding more money for their insatiable coffers. The whole stupid agenda finds them in the unsavory position of the usual cigarette sales with less tax money coming in as well as increasing the purchasing off the black market. They have unwittingly helped to encourage and strengthen an illegal industry.

This is not too dissimilar from the act of the Congress, a few years ago, when it levied a horrendous tax on boat purchasers and found the purchasers going overseas to buy their boats and virtually killing that industry in this country with thousands upon thousands of lost jobs and bankruptcy filings. They received less money in taxes and at the same time were instrumental in destroying an industry.

In spite of a study by the Smoke-Less States National Tobacco Policy Initiative, which concluded that a 10 percent price increase would lead to a 6.5 percent drop in youthful smokers, it has been pointed out in other surveys that teens and adults simply find other ways for getting their cigarettes.

It is not unreasonable to conclude that organizations such as the one listed above who subsidize or create

their own studies will find it simple to bolster their own agendas. Not too much different from asking the Fuller brush salesman if he likes Fuller brushes.

The bottom line is that increasing the cost for cigarettes will in no way keep those who wish to smoke from smoking.

Sincerely,
George Haddad
Franklin

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2002-24
AUGUST 20, 2002

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, August 20, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present.

Accepted resignation of Councilwoman Lentine and presented her with picture and nameplate. APPROVED: minutes of Special Meeting of August 5 & Regular Meeting of August, 2002, proclamation of September 2002 as National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month and resolution for Marge Bedell as Diamond of the Community award winner; site plan for Citi Financial, 35171 Mich. Ave. E.; bid awards for electronic surveillance equipment for the Police Dept., dump truck for the DPW and 2002 Public Housing Parking Lot Improvement Project; renewal of licenses for Materials Recovery Facilities at L & L Recycling, 34939 Brush St., Weiser Recycling, Inc., 35900 Clinton St., Annapolis Auto Parts, 36597 Annapolis Ave., Scrap Busters, 39223 Maple Ave., & Broome's Auto Parts, 4322 Walker St.; second reading and adoption of amendment to Fire Prevention Code; resignation of Simonne Lada from the Commission on Aging; appointment of Donald Hartford to complete the City Council term of Josephine Lentine; payment for repairs to the parking structure elevator; amending the Professional Services Agreement with Wade-Trim Associates, Inc., regarding an audit and proposal for amendments to the Sign Ordinance; contract with Wayne-Westland over Thirty/Over Forth Hockey Assoc.; amendment to Hazard/Nuisance approved at 8-5-02 meeting to indicate the vacant lot west of 37750 Mich. Ave.; payment to Election Systems & Software, Inc., for hardware maintenance and software license fees; payment for repair to the HVAC control network at the Aquatic Area; Weed List 2002-8; declaration of 4839 Niagara St. & 4309 Columbus St. a Hazard/Nuisance; acquisition of certain tax-reverted properties from Wayne County. Deferred until the next meeting the declaration of 4532 Hayes St. a Hazard/Nuisance and site plan for Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Rd. Called a Public Hearing for September 17, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. to consider the reprogramming of FY '01-'02 CDBG funds. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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OBITUARIES

AKERS, JUANITA M., 94, of Livonia, passed away August 19. Mrs. Akers lived in Belleville for the past 70 years. She was a member of The Belleville First United Methodist Church, the Astral Rebekah's, the Order of the Eastern Star, and also the September Days Senior Citizens. Dear mother of Irene M. Warner of Westland, Mabel P. (Donald) Berry of Westland, and Roy R. (Margaret) Akers of Ashburn, VA. Also survived by eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents "Bud" and Alice (Miller) Thurston. Funeral services were held at the Belleville First United Methodist Church with Dr. John N. Greenfield III officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. David C. Brown Funeral Home made arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Belleville First United Methodist Church.

BOWER, PEARL ANN, 87, of Belleville, passed away August 6. Loving mother of Willard M. "Bill" (Peggy) Bower of Belleville; Mrs. Richard (Marge) Frankowski of Big Sandy, TN; and Mrs. Clifford (Joan) Schurich of Little York, OH. Beloved sister of Melvin Eves. Also survived by nine grandchildren. Preceded in death by her loving husband Willard Bower Sr. (1991); and her siblings Alrabell, David, Earl, Kenneth, Ike, Durwood, and Paul Eves. Funeral services took place at Crane Funeral Home with Rev. William Kren of the Community United Methodist Church officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

DAVENPORT JR., MARK WAYNE, 14, of Belleville, passed away August 16. Mark played with the Ann Arbor Rebels "88 AAA Ann Arbor Hockey League" and was an avid golfer. He would have been a freshman at Belleville High School this fall. Loving son of Mark Wayne and Theresa Rose (Czarnecki) Davenport Sr. of Belleville. Beloved brother of Amanda R. Davenport of Belleville. He will also be missed by his grandmothers Christine Davenport of Belleville and Sylvia Czarnecki of Redford; his uncles Harlan (Sara) Davenport and Steve (Becky) Davenport both of Belleville, Tom Czarnecki and Richard (Sherri) Czarnecki of Redford; his aunt Diane (David) Holland of Orlando, FL; his ten cousins; and his beloved dog Sadie. His grandfathers Aubrey Davenport and Harry Czarnecki precede him in death. Funeral services were held at St. Anthony catholic Church in Belleville with Father Thomas Cusick officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Mark W. Davenport Jr. Scholarship Fund. David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville made funeral arrangements.

DIRNBERG, BETTY V., 76, passed away August 8. Loving mother of Donna, Kathy, Tom (Vonda), Terry, and Dawn. Dearest grandmother of fourteen, great-grandmother of fifteen, and great great-grandmother of one. Also survived by two sisters and brothers. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with mass held at SS. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland. Father Gerald Bechard officiated. Interment followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

HAMILTON SR., ROBERT A., 54, of van Buren Township, passed away August 17. Beloved husband of Irene (Levicki) Hamilton. Loving father of Robert (Dolly) Hamilton Jr. of Monroe; Michael Hamilton of Angola, IN; Steve Levicki of Belleville; Linda Reaume of Grass Lake; Christine (Bill) Dufeck of Clark Lake; and Diane (Scott) Brown of Ypsilanti. Dear son of the late Robert E. and Mildred L. (Pearce) Hamilton. Dearest brother of Dale (Cheryl) Hamilton of Belleville and Margaret (Leonard) Smith of San Pedro, CA. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Whittaker, where he was also a member, with Father Nicholas Ritter officiating. Interment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in Augusta Township. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the St. Joseph Church Building Fund. David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville made arrangements.

HERMATZ, LEONA E., of Westland passed away August 6. Mrs. Hermatz was a co-founder and owner of Wayne Lawn and Garden Center (1948). Beloved wife of the late Nicholas. Dearest mother of Dennis (Patricia), Sharon (Stan) Wasik, Mary (Jim) Schirmer, and the late Donald. Dear grandmother of eight. Funeral services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church with Father Jack Baker officiating. Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne made arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to Angela Hospice.

LAWS, SYLVIA, 61, of Westland, passed away August 19. Dearest wife of the late William Laws. Loving mother of Mark (Teresa) Vanderhill of Wayne, Brenda Frazier, and Sharon (David) Jenks. Beloved sister of Laura Mae Chandler, Dorothy Wurts, Arthur Gabbard, Joe Gabbard, Herman Gabbard, and Pauline Shaw. Also survived by six grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with Rev. Roger Stombaugh officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

MILLER, LEONILLA "LEE", 88, passed away August 10. Mrs. Miller was a longtime member of St. Mary's and SS Simon and Jude catholic Churches. Beloved wife of the late Karl G. Sr. Loving mother of Robert (Linda), Karl, Russell (Marilyn), Mary Ellen, and Libby Bogard. Dearest sister of Robert McDonough (Marion), Dorothy Martindale, and Maryanne Brown. Also survived by six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating.

NEWTON, MILTON, 87, of Belleville, passed away August 10. He was an engineer for the Automotive and Aircraft Industries.

He was also an avid round dancer and square dancer. Dearest father of Thomas M. Newton of Ypsilanti. Dear brother of June Fischer of Denton and Ester Anthony of Sylvania, OH. Also survived by three grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Everett Arnold and Lottie Kate (Schlicht) Newton; her sisters Mary Jane Newton (in infancy) and Ann Walls; and her brother Edmund Newton. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Thomas M. Newton officiating. Interment followed at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Canton.

PRATT, LOUISE R., 68, of Romulus, passed away August 6. Mrs. Pratt was the owner/operator of Uptown Hair Salon form 1978-1995. She was also a member of

the VFW Auxiliary #9568. Loving wife of Michael Pratt Jr. Beloved mother of Craig W. Phillips of Westland, Bradley G. Phillips of Lincoln Park, Brian C. Phillips of Romulus, Mrs. Tammy (Jim) Cantrell of Romulus, and Mrs. Deborah L. (Robert) Watts of Romulus. Dearest sister of Gerald Phillips of Cresaptown, MD and Mrs. Peg Michaels of Cumberland, MD. Also survived by eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her brother Gilbert and her sister Judith Ann. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Holton of Ball Road Tabernacle officiating. Interment followed at Romulus Cemetery.

ROUNSIFER, THOMAS A., 69, of New Boston (since 1970, formerly of Sumpter Township), passed away August 8. Mr. Rounsifer was retired from C & O railroad as a trackman. He was also a member of Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ in Canton. Beloved husband of Cheri (Ray) Rounsifer. Loving father of Jonah K. Sowards of New Boston, William (Gwendolyn) Sowards of Carlton, and Nancy Sowards-Radtke of Trenton. Dearest brother of Margaret Hintz of Romulus. Also survived by fifteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Aaron and Mildred E. (Smith) Rounsifer, and his brothers John, Donald, and Mahlon Rounsifer. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Elder Gene Johnson officiating. Interment followed at Mallet Cemetery in Huron Township.

WILLSON, ROBERT KENNETH, 34, of Ypsilanti, passed away August 5. Mr. Willson was employed at the Associated Spring as a Line Technician. He was also a former member of the Romulus Church of God. He loved repairing and playing on computers, playing paintball, drag-racing cars, and fishing. Dear father of Robert David Samuel of Ypsilanti, Shelby Elaine of Devil's Lake and Zachary of Devils' Lake. Former husband of Doreen M. Savage of Ypsilanti and Darlene Wright of Devil's Lake. Dearest son of Rick (Susan McClain) Willson of Brunswick, OH and the late Darlene Ruth (Dent) Willson. Dear stepbrother of Shannon McClain and Darin McClain. Preceded in death by his mother Darlene and his brother Donald Willson. Funeral services took place at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville, with Elder Dale Collins officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to his children's trust fund or the American Cancer Society.

CITY OF INKSTER
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

THE CITY OF INKSTER, will receive proposals at the OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster Michigan 48141 until 11 am. on Tuesday, September 10, 2002 for the following:

Planning services necessary for the design and construction of a recreation grant assisted project

The City of Inkster has been awarded a development project through the National Park Services under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) entitled Park Playground Improvements. The project agreement calls for the selection of a "Prime Professional" to comply with requirements for project. Outline for submission of proposal information and scope are available through the Purchasing Department 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster Michigan 48141 (phone 313-561-0251)

Questions regarding the proposal may be directed to Ron Wolkowicz, Parks and Recreation Director (734)728-7530, Monday through Friday 9:30am-4:30pm.

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk
2121 Inkster Road
Inkster, Michigan 48141

Publish: August 29, 2002

CITY OF ROMULUS
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS
BID 02/03-22

Solicitations for Telecommunications Systems

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn Ingberg, of Plante and Moran by email request sent to:

Lynn.Ingberg@plantemoran.com

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 10:00 a.m., September 12, 2002. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
BID 02/03-22
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan

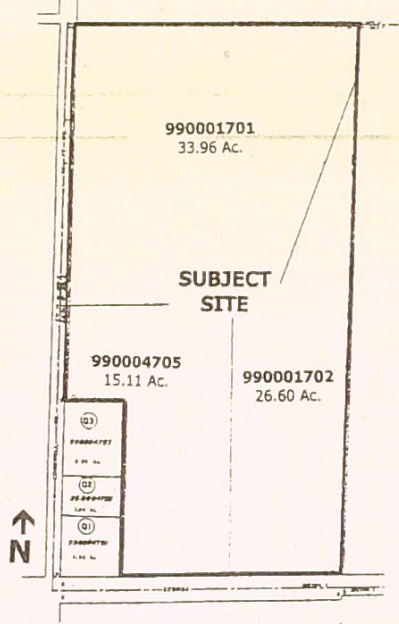
(3) The right to reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2002, for the purpose of re-considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to re-consider a request to rezone three (3) lots located on Cogswell and Ecorse Roads, DP#'s 024-99-0001-701, 024-99-0001-702, 024-99-0004-705 from M-1 Light Industrial to M-2 General Industrial District. The parcel is located on the northeast quadrant of Ecorse and Cogswell Roads. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, September 16, 2002 and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: August 29, 2002

CITY OF INKSTER
MEETING ABSTRACTS

THE City Council met at 7:36 p.m., for regular council meeting and at 9:46 p.m., for election commission meeting in the Council Chambers on Monday, July 15, 2002. Present for both meetings: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Kolberg, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks and Mayor Hampton. Absent: Councilwoman James. Consent items approved: 7/1 minutes and \$98,143.92 for pension payroll. Public Request and Mayor and Council concerns. MADE the following re-appointments: Hollis Curry and James Collie to the Parks & Recreation Commission. APPROVED: \$11,652.00 to Milton Spokojny; \$15,404.15 to Wade-Trim; \$42,749.76 to Wade-Trim; \$9,793.80 to Wade Trim and \$414,612.00 for General Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Official E&O and Automobile Liability Insurance for the period of 8/1/02 - 8/1/03. AUTHORIZED contract to Mobile Vision; one Parks & Recreation Commissioner to attend conference in Florida; submission of 2002-03 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant; payment #18 for \$13,920.00 to NTH; \$5,600.00 to Plante & Moran; July 31, 2002 Public Hearing and 2001-2002 CDBG program activities and Carver Homes Project; waive of fees for use of Meeting Lounge Room for Inkster Post Office; request from Golden Gate Lodge; \$4,000.00 to Alternative Service Concepts; request from Brenda Riley, subject to conditions. TABLED request from Spare Time Investment Group. MEETING adjourned at 9:46 p.m. ELECTION - APPROVED compensation and appointments of election chairpersons and inspectors for 8/6/2002 election. AUTHORIZED City Clerk to make necessary arrangements. MEETING adjourned at 9:50 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Mrs. Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk

PUBLISH: August 29,2002

BIDS:
ROMULUS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL TRACKS

Sealed bids are invited for the construction of ROMULUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WALKING TRACKS and will be received by ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, 36540 GRANT ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174 up to **2:00 PM LOCAL TIME on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2002.** Attention William Routhier, Director of Department of Business and Finance.

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Saga of 2002 football season begins tonight

2 new coaches prepare to make their local debuts

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

For a selected few, the 2002 high school football season will begin tonight. For most, the season will start a day later, on Friday.

And, for Wayne Memorial, it is the start of a new era.

Wayne enters the uncharted waters of the Western Lakes Conference, leaving behind them the memories of a charter membership in the Mega Conference.

"The Mega Conference was a tough one," said Wayne Memorial head football coach Flayed Carter. "We expect the Western Lakes to be even tougher."

Wayne is one of three new high schools that the Western Lakes has accepted in its ranks. Walled Lake, presently represented in the conference by Central and Western, and Plymouth, with two schools - Salem and Canton, plan to enter their third high schools into the conference when the third high schools have varsity sports and athletics available to their students.

Traditionally divided into two divisions (Lakes and Western), the Western Lakes this year has abolished the two-division system for now. Each team will play one game against all of their conference opponents, and the championship will be

decided by overall best conference records.

Wayne launches the season and the Western Lakes Conference year tonight at home against Livonia Stevenson. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m. It is a conference match up that should tell Coach Carter what to expect in the future from the league that has had outstanding football talent.

Stevenson is one of four pre-season coaches' picks to win the conference title. Walled Lake Western, Plymouth-Canton, and John Glenn are others.

In the mean time, John Glenn finds itself on the road for its opener.

Coach Chuck Gordon's Rockets take on PSL power, Detroit Kettering, at 4 p.m. at Kettering.

Two new local coaches also are preparing to make their local coaching debuts this week.

Mansfield Dinkins, who served as Highland Park's head football coach for the past two years and also was a head coach at Detroit Chadsey, will get his baptismal as Robichaud's head coach today at 4 p.m. when Thurston pays the Bulldogs a visit. (See related story on this page.)

And former Woodhaven coach, Craig James, will launch his career as Inkster High's new head football coach tomorrow at 4 p.m. when the

Vikings clash with Gibraltar Carlson in the Mega-Blue Division opener.

James helped build the Woodhaven football program before accepting the challenge of finding a recipe for making a winner out of Inkster. He also has coached at Bishop Borgess, Allen Park Carlini and Taylor Center.

Winless in 2001, Romulus High's battle-tested Eagles will take to the gridiron tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Dearborn Heights Crestwood for its inaugural Mega-White Division game for 2002. Coach Wade Cook is seeking redemption after the 2001 Eagles failed to win a game.

Coming off of one of its worst sea-

sons in recent years, sophomore coach Bob Cummings hopes to get Plymouth-Salem back on the right track when the Rocks begin their bid for football respectability tomorrow at South Lyon.

Usually a tough football team, the Rocks found themselves fighting for survival in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes a year ago.

On the other side of the spectrum Salem's natural opponent, Canton, will attempt to build on the success of 2001 when Coach Tim Baechler's Chiefs won nine of their 11 games. Canton begins what could be an extraordinary season Friday night at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

They're all accounted for

With these two photos, the 2002 City Championship golf champs are all accounted for. Medalist Sky McBeth (above, at left) displays the overall medalist trophy named for longtime and former Wayne Memorial Athletic Director-Coach - Educator Bill Hawley and MCN Sports Writer Tom Mooradian, who were among the charter organizers of the annual summer classic. Also pictured is the City of Wayne champ, Keith Kieszerowski, who also captured the Len Anderson Trophy. In photo below are Westland First Flight trophy winners Ray Lancki (medalist, center), and Jim Regulski and John Fargo (extreme right) who were tied for second place in the flight.



There are no softies on Canton's schedule

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Although there definitely will be a new football champ crowned in the Western Lakes Conference in November, any of the teams can win it this year.

But, whoever has designs on the 2002 title, may have to wrestle it away from Plymouth-Canton, Westland John Glenn or Walled Lake Western. The trio is looked upon by the rest of the conference as the heir-apparent to the crown usually found locked up after the season in one of the display cases at Farmington Hills Harrison High School.

Harrison has dominated the conference over the past decade. However, this year Harrison, along with the other two Farmington high schools (Farmington High and North Farmington) has bolted from the conference and joined the Oakland County Activities League.

"The talent this year is pretty evenly spread around the conference," says Plymouth-Canton coach Tim Baechler, whose Chiefs finished second-best to Harrison in the league a year ago after posting an enviable 9-2 record. "I look for Western, John Glenn, and Stevenson to be strong again. Also, we don't know what Wayne Memorial will bring to

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Plymouth-Canton coach

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"I also believe that the Livonia schools - Franklin and Churchill - will be stronger than they have been in recent years. In my opinion, it will come down as the old saying goes, . . . 'to the team that wants it the most.'"

Baechler did not overlook his team in that list of potential title-contenders. Although his offense was hard-hit by graduation, the defense returns five notable players who could form the backbone of a team that can intimidate.

Back on defense for Canton are Dan Farkas, a 6-2, 245-pounds senior defensive tackle who earned All-Area and All-Conference recognition a year ago. Farkas will be working alongside nose guard Derek Johnson, who has trimmed his weight from 340 to 325. The 6-2, 240-pound Farkas is considered one of the best

at his skill in the conference.

Filling in as an outside linebacker is 6-3, 217-pound senior Matt Bennett, who also has two years of experience as a starter behind him. At the other outside linebacker's spot is 5-11, 190-pound Doug Davidson.

Completing the impressive list of returning regulars on defense is free safety Brandon Wilcox, who is 5-11, 175, and a natural leader.

Baechler says he has three hard-working juniors - Dustin Steiner (6-0, 215), Mark Kersten (6-0, 205) and Eric Mitchell (5-10, 180) competing for positions on the defensive line. While Davidson has nailed down a defensive end's post, two others - Matt Payne (6-2, 190) and Brandon Reeves (5-10, 170) are continuing to work out at the other end.

At strong safety, Mike Lafata, a 5-11, 175-pound senior, should see more than his share of action, while Shawn Zullo, a 6-0, 185-pound senior, will be used either as a tight end or a wide receiver. Also dueling for starting assignment roles at tight end are Andy Howald, a 6-1, 176-pound senior, and Ron Opeike.

On offense, the Chiefs are looking to fill the tackle posts with 225-pounds senior Pat Kennedy and 6-4, 265-pound senior Andy Ray.

Baechler hopes to fill the center slot by switching last year's starting



Tim Baechler

guard, Zack Caswell, who is a 6-2, 210-pound senior, to that position. The Canton coach also has Jeff Sagor, a 5-9, 200-pound senior, available to play guard.

To give the Chiefs an added dimension to their overall game, Canton has the services of kicker, Ankig Kachhal, who is ready to boot it out of the stadium. Kachhal learned his skills by playing soccer.

Plymouth-Canton will have its first test of the 2002 season Friday night at Ann Arbor Pioneer. The Pioneers will be the first of several teams whose wish list obviously includes what some believe will be unimaginable.

"There isn't a soft team on our schedule," stressed Baechler. "I don't believe in excuses. I believe in preparing for the task that lies ahead, and getting the job done."

Canton gets another shot at winning the conference championship. Don't be surprised if they accomplish that goal in 2002.

By TOM MOORADIAN
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Can a new coach and an impressive group of nearly 40 hopefuls rebuild a once impregnable football program that was considered among the best in the state?

Robichaud High and Bulldog football fans hope that newly-appointed head coach Mansfield Dinkins can do the job that his recent predecessors failed to achieve. With 16 years of coaching experience behind him, Dinkins arrives at the Dearborn Heights high school via

Highland Park, where he spent the last two seasons, and Detroit Chadsey, where he was the head coach for 14 years.

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Burned by Inkster Belleville regroups

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During Coach Kevin Edwards' tenure as head coach, Belleville has stood above the Mega-Red Conference girls' basketball crowd.

Edwards was brought in five years ago by Athletic Director Mike Colletta to rebuild a program that was going nowhere. Edwards put the Tigers on track, winning two back-to-back conference championships and making two appearances in the state quarterfinals.

Last year, Inkster, thanks to coach Dave Mann's guidance, ended Belleville's dynasty. The Vikings beat the then defending conference champs not once but twice to claim their first-ever basketball title.

With the stage set, the two Red-Division powerhouses are expected to shoot it out again for the title. With every player who helped win the title a year ago returning to Mann's lineup, the Vikings definitely will have the edge.

"They are the team to beat," stressed Edwards as he prepares to launch his fifth season at Belleville. "We lost such experienced players as Crystal Stewart and Courtney Ivan...in fact, we have only four players returning from last year's team."

A year ago, the Tigers finished with an impressive 23-4 record. Their only losses were to Inkster (twice), Ann Arbor Huron, and Detroit Mar-

tin Luther King High.

But none of the conference coaches are counting Belleville out of the conference race this season. With Inkster prominently mentioned as the team with the best shot for the title, three others - Belleville, Monroe, and Wyandotte - are considered the teams that could wind up on top if the Vikings' potential doesn't materialize.

That means, four of the six-teams in the conference are contenders.

And Edwards is the first to admit that "in this conference, you must bring it with you every night or you'll pay the price."

Edwards is banking on four holdovers to, as he puts it, "bring it every night." They are well-known around the league and have proven themselves against the best in the state. Amantha Combs, Kelli Howse, Lisa DeBuck and Alyssa Montalvo will form the nucleus of the 2002 Belleville team.

Combs is a 5-8 senior who started for Edwards during the past two seasons. With leadership qualities, she will need to fill a big void.

Howse, at 5-3, is a senior player, while DeBuck will return at one of the forward spots. At center is veteran Montalvo, who is 5-9 and is very productive at both ends of the court.

The Tigers will begin the season tonight (Thursday) at Westland

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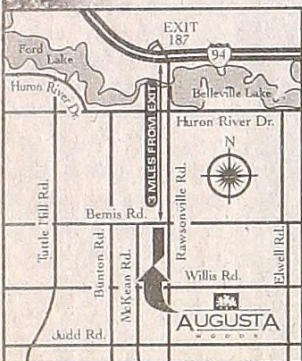
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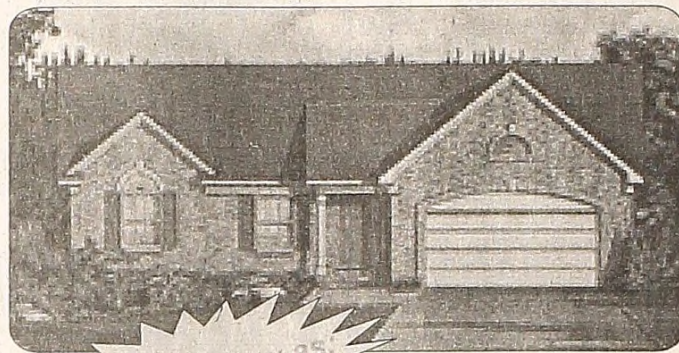
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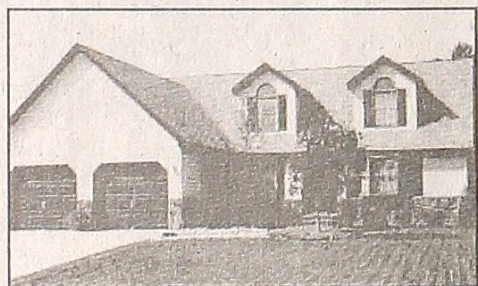
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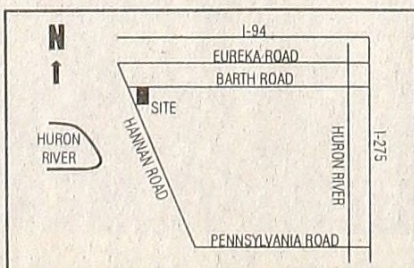
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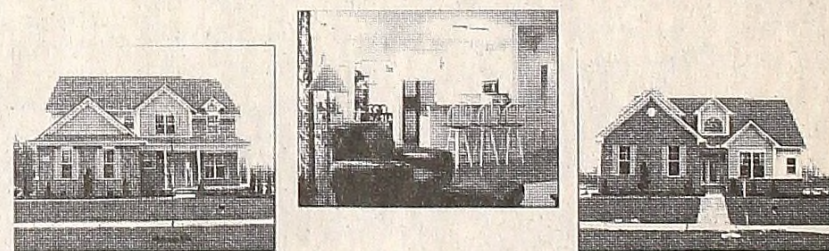
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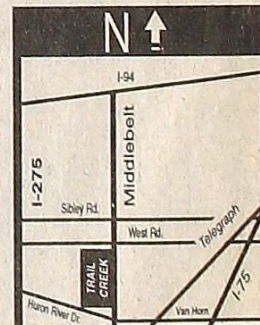
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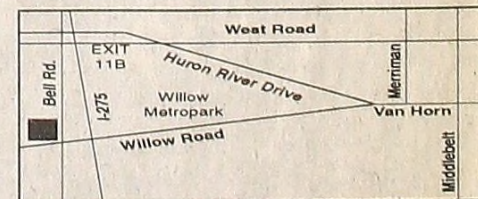


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